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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I never agreed with the government's decision to sue Microsoft when this case began three years ago, and I am pleased to see that you have decided to end litigation and stop this lawsuit at the federal level. Microsoft has made many concessions that made this settlement possible, and it is time to move on so that this company can go back to creating great products for the marketplace.

Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows that will allow computer makers to promote non-Microsoft products within the operating system. This will promote competition within the technology industry, and the results of this will be beneficial to the industry and to consumers. Our entire economy will benefit from this settlement as well. It is time to let Bill Gates and the people at Microsoft get back to work.

Thank you for ending this lawsuit; it is the right decision for our country. This lawsuit never should have been brought against Microsoft in the first place, and I am glad that it is over at the federal level.

Sincerely, Joseph Nemchak Myth Memchal